

**CONCLUSION**

Each of the claims of the application is limited to the applicants' inventive method for increasing the duration of bubble curtains used for the purpose of suppressing noise in a marine seismic survey by coating the bubble diffuser with a chemical additive having bubble coalescence retardation properties or wetting agent properties or both. Each of these claims is believed to be patentably distinct from all known prior art, including all art cited by the examiner. Therefore, the applicants respectfully request allowance of all pending claims.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, to Account No. 05-1328.

Respectfully submitted,

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